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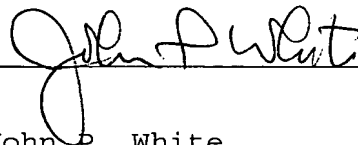
(DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER  
37 C.F.R. §1.9(f) AND §1.27(d)

Applicant submits herewith, as **Exhibit 1**, a Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status Under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(f) and §1.27(d) by The Trustees Of Columbia University In The City Of New York, the assignee of the above-identified application. This Verified Statement is signed by Michael J. Cleare, an authorized official of the assignee of record, The Trustees Of Columbia University In The City Of New York.

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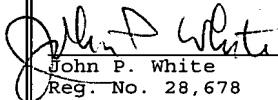
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